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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Brooks EDWARDS, et al.

ART UNIT: 1645

SERIAL NO.: 10/046,730

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FOR: SOLID PHASES OPTIMIZED FOR CHEMILUMINESCENT DETECTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination on the merits, entry of the following amendments are respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Delete the second full paragraph at page 19, lines 6-10, and insert therefor the following:

--Methods for the preparation of the ammonium polymers (i.e., where M in formula II above is nitrogen), related copolymers and the related starting materials are disclosed in Jones et al., Journal of Polymer Science, 25, 201 1957; in U.S. Patent Nos. 2,780,604; 3,178,396; 3,770,439; 4,308,335; 4,340,522; 4,424,326 and in German Offenlegungsschrift 2,447,611.--

REMARKS

The above amendment is being made to correct a typographical error. No new matter is introduced by this amendment and entry is respectfully requested. Allowance of the application is respectfully solicited.



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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (including attachment)
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
FORM PTO-1449
CITED DOCUMENTS (33)

Our check in the amount of \$ -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary extension of time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to Deposit Account No. 50-1442. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a request is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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